



## **H.Con.Res. 211– Supporting the goals and ideals of World Diabetes Day**

### **FLOOR SITUATION**

H.Con.Res. 211 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Donald Payne (D-NJ) on September 17, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and was ordered to be reported by voice vote.

H.Con.Res. 211 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on November 13, 2007.

### **SUMMARY**

H.Con.Res. 211 resolves that the United States House of Representatives supports the goals and ideals of World Diabetes Day which is celebrated annually on November 14. The goal of the day is to raise global awareness of diabetes.

### **BACKGROUND**

The World Health Organization and the International Diabetes Federation established World Diabetes Day in 1991 with the aim of coordinating diabetes advocacy worldwide.

The theme of the 2007 United Nations World Diabetes Day campaign focuses on raising awareness of diabetes in children and adolescents.

Diabetes is one of the most common chronic childhood diseases and can strike children at any age. When diagnosed in young people their life expectancy is shortened by, on average, 10 to 20 years.

New figures from the International Diabetes Federation's Diabetes Atlas suggest that more than 70,000 children develop type 1 diabetes each year and 440,000 children worldwide under the age of 14 now live with type 1 diabetes.

The incidence of type 2 diabetes, which was previously rare in children, is rising at alarming rates, with more than 200 children a day developing this form of diabetes. Obesity is a major contributor to type 2 diabetes. The International Obesity Task Force of the International Association for the Study of Obesity, estimates at least 1 out of every

10 school-age children are obese. Research has shown conclusively that type 2 diabetes can be prevented or significantly delayed through healthy weight maintenance and regular physical activity.

Diabetes is the fourth leading cause of death by disease in the world, and is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. It is a leading cause of blindness, kidney failure, amputation, heart attack, and stroke.

The International Diabetes Federation estimated that in 1985, 30,000,000 people worldwide had diabetes. That number rose to 245,000,000 people in 2007, and is projected to reach 380,000,000 by 2025.

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